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Relief to plantation, betelvine and coconut garden owners of Tanjore district.

* 752 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the plantain growers, betelvine growers and coconut garden owners of Tanjore district who were much affected by the recent cyclone that they should be given sufficient relief and loan; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in this connection?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) A number of petitions were received from affected persons and they were all transferred to the Collector of Tanjore for necessary action. So far as the plantain and betelvine growers are concerned, the Government have sanctioned remission on the following scales in respect of plantains and betelvines :—

Plantains.—Full remission of water charge in cases where the gardens have been wholly or substantially destroyed.

Betelvines.—Full remission of water charge in respect of dry lands and of assessment and fasaljasti in respect of wet lands for the acreage completely destroyed.

In addition, loans to the tune of Rs. 50,000 were also ordered to be disbursed to the betelvine growers for replanting betelvine.

The Government have also issued orders sanctioning the procurement and distribution of one lakh seed coconuts to be sold at 6 annas each."

Construction of the Ponnampara-Kuttoor road in Payyanur firka, North Malabar.

* 753 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state at what stage the construction of the Ponnampara-Kuttoor road in Payyanur firka, North Malabar, stands now, and when the road will be completed?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" The formation of the road from Ponnampara to Kuttoor was completed two years ago."

Assignment of poramboke lands to Harijans in Malabar.

* 754 Q.—SRI E. T. KUNHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Harijans from Malabar to whom the fifteen s cents land was assigned for house-site in 1952; and

(b) the extent of poramboke lands assigned to Harijans in Malabar for cultivation in 1952?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) & (b) Nil."